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SUBJECT: IRISH GOVERNMENT SEEKS PROTECTION FOR FOOTWEAR

1. SOURCE IN IRISH DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE INFORMED US THAT

GOI MADE FORMAL APPLICATION IN LATTER PART OF JUNE TO EC COMMISSION TO

TAKE PROTECTIVE MEASURES, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 135 OF THE TREATY OF  
ACCESSION, TO SAFEGUARD IRISH FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY AGAINST WHAT IT REGARDS

AS EXCESSIVE IMPORTS. GOI WANTS BOTH TARIFFS AND IMPORT QUOTAS  
APPLICABLE TO EC MEMBERS AS WELL AS NON-MEMBERS. NO DECISION HAS BEEN  
TAKEN IN BRUSSELS, BUT INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE EXPECTS A DECISION IN THE

NEAR FUTURE. OUR SOURCE STATES THAT THE COMMISSION IS RELUCTANT TO  
GRANT PERMISSION FOR IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, SINCE IT WOULD ESTABLISH A  
BAD PRECEDENT FOR SIMILAR ACTION THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. AS FOR GATT,

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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE CONTENTS IT HAS A DEFENSIBLE CASE.

2. IRISH FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY IN PRESSURING GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION CLAIMS THAT IMPORTS AMOUNT TO ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF DOMESTIC MARKET. DOMESTIC FOOTWEAR PRODUCTION, ACCORDING TO DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, TOTALED 7.5 MILLION PAIRS IN 1974. PRIMARY SOURCE OF FOOTWEAR IMPORTS IS UK WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF VOLUME, AND IT IS SPECIFICALLY AGAINST UK THAT THE IRISH FOTTWEAR INDUSTRY IS SEEKING PROTECTION. IN THIS CONNECTION, ONE MEASURE THAT IS BEING PROMOTED IS THE REIMPOSITION OF TARIFFS THAT WERE IN EFFECT PRIOR TO THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE ANGLO-IRISH FREE TRADE AGREEMENT.

3. THE STRENGTH OF THE DEMANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY ARE SOMEWHAT PUZZLING IN THE LIGHT OF OFFICIAL IRISH TRADE STATISTICS FOR 1974. TOTAL IMPORTS OF FOOTWEAR AMOUNTED TO 2.9 MILLION PAIRS (2.1 MILLION FROM UK), WHEREAS EXPORTS WERE 3.6 MILLION PAIRS, INCLUDING 2.1 MILLION TO UK. WHILE THE NUMBERS OF PAIRS EXPORTED AND IMPORTED IN BILATERAL UK/IRISH TRADE WERE IDENTICAL, THE UK PRODUCT WAS MORE VALUABLE: 5.6 MILLION POUNDS AS AGAINST 4.5 MILLION POUNDS. IRELAND EXPORTED 800,000 PAIRS TO THE US IN 1974 AND 400,000 PAIRS TO CANADA. NORTH AMERICAN MARKETS ARE REPORTEDLY DECLINING IN IMPORTANCE. IRELAND'S TOTAL EXPORTS OF FOOTWEAR IN 1974 WERE VALUED AT 10.3 MILLION POUNDS AND IMPORTS AT 7.2 MILLION POUNDS.

4. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM THE FOREGOING TRADE FIGURES THAT IF IRELAND INDEED RECEIVES PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS, IT MAY FIND ITSELF VULNERABLE TO SERIOUS RETALIATION.  
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